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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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6W - The annual 6V1A expedition to the island of Goree (AF-045) will be conducted on 7-9 December. Tafa 6W1KI, Ouzin 6W1PZ, Jul 6W1QL, John 6W7JX and others will operate SSB and CW on various bands with two stations. PayPal 6v1a.aras[@]gmail.com for a direct QSL. [TNX The Daily DX]

9L - The website for the 9-21 January 2019 9LY1JM DXpedition to Banana Island (AF-037), Sierra Leone [425DXN 1435] is now under construction at https://9l2019dx.wordpress.com/. The team so far includes Andreas DL3GA, Jean-Luc F1ULQ, Patrick F2DX, Frank F4AJQ, Jimi F4DLM, Frank F5TVG, Herman ON4QX and Eric ON7RN. Plans are for 12 operators to be active on 160-10 metres CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and FT8 (Fox & Hound mode) with four stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW or via F5GSJ (direct or bureau).

9M2 - Rich, PA0RRS will be active again as 9M2MRS from Penang Island (AS-015), West Malaysia from 2 January to 15 February. He will operate mainly CW, RTTY, PSK and FT8 on the HF bands. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL or via PA0RRS (bureau preferred). [TNX PA0RRS]

FO - Cezar, VE3LYC and Adrian, KO8SCA [425DXN 1433] are scheduled to arrive at Papeete (Tahiti) around 7 UTC on 3 December, and to reach Rikitea (Mangareva Island) on 4 December around 23 UTC. Their tentative operating schedule is to be QRV as TX0M from Morane Atoll (OC-297, new one for IOTA) on 6-10 December, and as TX0A from Maria Est Atoll (OC-113) on 12-16 December. "The final decision regarding the sailing itinerary", however, "will be made at the time of leaving Mangareva, based on the weather forecast".
It will be possible to track the DXpedition's progress via the InReach system: see https://tx0a-tx0m.weebly.com/ for the link, which will be made available between 2 and 19 December. The system will also allow the operators to exchange information with Johan (PA3EXX), their Pilot Station. "If you have any message for us", they say, "please forward it to Johan, and he will ensure that is delivered. He will keep the community informed on our progress, and provide us with appropriate feedback".
Plans are to operate SSB and CW with two stations on 40-10 metres. In order to maximize the number of unique callsigns logged, one station will be QRV on 20m as long as the propagation permits. The logs will be uploaded to Club Log when the operators return back home. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS (direct or bureau), or via VE3LYC (direct or bureau).

HR - Tom, N9EAW will be active holiday style as HQ9T from Roatan Island (NA-057) on 1-18 December. He will operate SSB and slow CW on the HF bands. QSL direct to N9EAW.

JD1_mt - Take, JG8NQJ/JD1 arrived at Minami Torishima on 21 November. He was expected to stay until mid-February 2019 [425DXN 1435], but now he will leave the island on 5 December. This might be his last and final operation. QSL via JA8CJY (direct) or JG8NQJ (bureau).

JD1_mt - Celebrating the 50th annivesary since the Minami Torishima and the Ogasawara Islands were returned to Japanese control, JARL's Tokyo Branch (http://jarl-tokyo.org/wp2/) will be active again as JD1YAB/JD1 from Minami Torishima (OC-073) from 30 November to 3 December. Look for activity on +/- 21180 kHz SSB. All QSOs will be confirmed via the bureau. The contact point for enquiries about QSL cards is JS1LMG.

PY0F - Leo, PP1CZ will be active as either PY0FW or PY0F/PP1CZ from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003) on 3-8 December. He will focus on 60 metres, which have just been authorized in Brazil. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or direct only to home call.

SP - Special event station SN0UNESCO will be operated on 3-4 December from the UNESCO's World Heritage site of Tarnowskie Gory. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and PSK31. QSL via SP9KDU. See http://www.whsa.info/ for information on the World Heritage Sites Award. [TNX SQ9FMU]

TR - Roland, F8EN - who has just turned 90! - will be active again as TR8CR from Gabon starting on 16 December for three months. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-17m, maybe also on 80m. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau; see http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php for logsearch. [TNX F6AJA]

XX9 - A large team (DJ6TF, DJ7TO, DJ9HX, DJ9KH, DL1KWK, DL1RTL, DL2RNS, DL4SVA, DL4WK, DL6KVA, DL7JOM, DL7VEE, DL9GFB, OZ1IKY and XX9LT) will be active again as XX9D from Coloane (AS-075), Macau on 11-26 February. They will operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-6 metres with at least four stations around the clock and a focus on the low bands and North America. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via DL4SVA (direct or bureau). See http://xx9d.mydx.de/ for QSLling policy and other information.

YJ - Daniel, VK4AFU will be as YJ0AFU from Efate (OC-035) and the nearby island of Iririki, Vanuatu from 25 December to 8 January. He will operate mainly FT8 with some CW, SSB and WSPR on the HF bands and 6 metres, with a focus on 160 and 80 metres during the first week. He will also be QRV on 60 metres FT8 (5357 KHz). He will be using the latest version of WSJT-X 2.0. QSL via LoTW and logsearch on Club Log; see qrz.com for PayPal instructions for direct cards.

ZL7 - Nobu, JA0JHQ (http://pandasan.jimdo.com/) will be active again as ZL7/JA0JHQ from the Chatham Islands (OC-038) on 17-20 January. He will focus on 160 metres CW and 6m FT8, but he will also be QRV on 40-10 metres CW and FT8. Some FT8 activity as ZL/JA0JHQ is expected on 16 and 21 January from Auckland, New Zealand. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to JA0JHQ.

AFRICA TOUR ---> Carl, ZS1KM is planning "an Overland/DX trip" and will be travelling through Namibia to Botswana between mid-December and mid-January 2019. Along the way he will be QRV as V51KM (Namibia) and A25KM (Botswana) on 80, 40 and 20 metres mainly SSB "with some digital". [TNX The Daily DX]

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IOTA NEWS ---> Record-holders who have made IOTA contacts in an IOTA contest after 2003, can claim credit for them without submitting QSLs, provided that the contact details match. Go to https://iota-world.org/, log in, select "Add Contest QSOs" under the "My IOTA" tab, and then upload your .cbr or .log file(s). The logs for the IOTA Contest 2018 island stations have now been added to the IOTA database and are available for QSO matching. IOTA Management is "waiting for further information from 9M2SDX, B4/BY1AA, B4/BY1OK, BD4SDX, BD7PCA, BG5BAA, BG5BRT, BH4BQI, BY7KP, HS5NMF, J49A and YB9QP before these activations can be accepted".

WSJT-X 2.0 ---> A fifth candidate release ("RC5") of WSJT-X 2.0 has been Available for download and use by beta testers since 26 November. The "Quick-Start Guide to WSJT-X 2.0" has been updated, and must be read thoroughly before using RC5:
http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/Quick_Start_WSJT-X_2.0.pdf
"RC5 is stable, works well, and fixes the known problems in RC4. It is likely that the General Availability (GA) release of WSJT-X 2.0, scheduled for 10 December, will be nearly identical to RC5.
We recommend using RC5 (and therefore the v2.0 FT8 protocol) in the conventional FT8 sub-bands at audio TX frequencies 2000 Hz and higher. Inevitably the necessary transition from v1.x to v2.0 protocols for FT8 and MSK144 will cause some confusion and cross-protocol interference. Users of v1.9.1 and earlier are unable to decode transmissions from users of RC4 and later, and vice-versa.
As more users upgrade their software to WSJT-X 2.0 - and particularly after the General Availability (GA) release on 10 December - the new protocol should start to dominate the conventional FT8 sub-bands. As soon as possible after 10 December, and certainly by 1 January 2019, everyone should be using WSJT-X 2.0 or a compatible v2.0 version of derivative programs such as JTDX or MSHV".
Download links for RC5 on Windows, Linux, and macOS can be found on the WSJT-X web page: http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html.

YOTA MONTH ---> The Youngsters On The Air group will be active again during the entire month of December. The idea for this event is to show the amateur radio hobby to youth and to encourage youngsters to be active on the ham radio waves. Announced participating stations include 4O18YOTA, 5H3YOTA, 6V1YOTA, 9A18YOTA, AO1YOTA, AO5YOTA, AP3YOTA, DF0YOTA, EG2YOTA, ET3AA, GB18YOTA, HA6YOTA, HB9YOTA, HG0YOTA, II3YOTA, II5YOTA, LY5YOTA, OE0YOTA, OH2YOTA, OL18YOTA, OM18YOTA, ON4YOTA, PA6YOTA, PD6YOTA, R18YOTA, SH9YOTA, TF3YOTA, TM18YOTA, WK1DS/YOTA, YT18YOTA, YU18YOTA, Z30YOTA, Z39YOTA, Z60YOTA and ZL6YOTA. QSLs via Club Log's OQRS or direct to M0SDV. Information on the event and the awards can be found at https://events.ham-yota.com/.

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B8/OK2ZI, 3W9JK (AS-162), 3W9JK/p, 4S7AB, 5W7X, 5Z4LS, 9X0T, 9X0Y, 9X9PJ, BV30R, C21GJ, C37MS, CV5A (SA-030), EJ0DXG, EX8MLE, H88X, KH1/KH7Z, KH2X, KH8C, LX/DF8XC, OJ0C, PS1S (SA-077), PZ5K, R25RRA (EU-147), RT65KI (AS-065), SV2ASP/A, TO6OK, UK9AA, UP2KEDR, VK9/JO7GVC, VK9XG, VP8EME, Z21MH, Z66X.

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